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STUDENT RECREATION CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

CHARLESTON, IL.--The public is invited to a groundbreaking ceremony for Eastern Illinois University's Student Recreation Center at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the construction site located north of Lantz Building on Grant Street.

Eastern President Stan Rives and Student Body President Dan Riordan of Country Club Hills will make brief remarks.

The \$6 million facility was approved by Eastern students in a referendum on Nov. 8, 1989, as a non-instructional capital improvement project by the Board of Governors on Nov. 13, 1989, and by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on Dec. 5, 1989.

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It will add approximately 70,000 square feet to Lantz Gymnasium, which currently cannot accommodate the increasing demand from all sources to schedule recreational activities.

Student fees, beginning with the center's projected completion in August 1991, will be used to pay construction and operating costs.

Extending directly north from the current Lantz Building field house, the center will have a weight room, including free weights, benches and racks, life rowers, bikes, climbers and Nautilus and Universal machines.

A circuit training room and a multi-use gymnasium that provides five to six full size basketball courts, eight volleyball courts or 14 badminton courts with a small warmup room and lounge area, are also included in the center.

The upper area of the multi-use gym will have an indoor jogging track. Two additional multi-purpose areas for dance aerobics and wellness activities are also provided. Other additions will include offices for various faculty and staff of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, as well as the Athletic Department.

As part of the new student recreation facility, the existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in Lantz Building will be upgraded. Presently the existing system does not have sufficient capacity to provide air conditioning for the Lantz gym area, or the field house, limiting the use of the facility during warm weather.